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Campos Altos Iris Garden

CRESTON ROAD
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

FOREWORD

The Campos Altos Iris Garden has developed from the sale of the natural increase of what we believe to be the finest private collection of bearded irises in the west. It will also have charge of the introduction of the seedlings of Mr. William Mohr of Mt. Eden, California. It is proposed to list only standard varieties of established worth and outstanding novelties, and to grow in quantity those varieties which thrive so well in California—Alcazar, Caterina, Lady Foster, Madame Durrand, Kashmir White, and Avalon are good examples—but which are not always successful in colder climates.

Our new garden is just over the top of the Berkeley hills, facing east into Wildcat Canyon. It is an easy fifteen minutes automobile drive on paved roads from the centre of Berkeley, going out Euclid Avenue to about half a mile beyond the end of the car line and turning east on Creston Road just after Euclid Avenue bends back on itself. From the end of the Euclid Avenue Cragmont car line it is a fifteen minutes walk, with only one hill. Our flowering season is late, from the end of April throughout May. Visitors will be very welcome any day but Sunday.

Orders taken during the flowering season are filled in June. Others can generally be sent out within a day or two of their receipt. For time of planting see notes on culture on last page.

The prices quoted include delivery. Six of any one variety will be supplied at the price of five. Special rates can be furnished on large quantities of standard varieties, and discounts on these are given to the trade, but novelties and scarce varieties are net to all. Remittance should accompany all mail orders. Make money orders (or, in California, checks) payable to R. F. Mitchell. Address: Campos Altos Iris Garden, Creston Road, Berkeley, California. Telephone Berkeley 3358-W.

Seedlings Raised by Mr. William Mohr

Iris enthusiasts will doubtless have noted the very favorable comments on the seedlings of Mr. William Mohr in *The Garden Magazine*, *The Flower Grower*, and other publications. Those members of the American Iris Society who had the privilege of visiting his garden this season are still thrilled with the variety and size of his productions. We are trying out many of them, and from time to time the best and most distinct will be introduced by us. Some will be remarkable for the size of the flowers and the height and branched character of the stems, others will be smaller but will have distinctive coloring. Some will be just as hardy and as easy to grow in cold climates as any bearded iris, but others, because of the Mesopotamica or other Asiatic parentage to which they owe their size, may, like some of the Foster, Denis, or Hort seedlings, prove difficult where Caterina or Kashmir White will not grow. It is not so much the cold, but poor drainage combined with it which causes winter loss.

In California all have proved fine growers, the Mesopotamica seedlings of greater vigor than anything else in our garden. Several, including Balboa and Mariposa, have been thoroughly tried out in a Massachusetts garden and have proved satisfactory growers even in that cold climate.

As it is, Mr. Mohr's wish that his seedlings be put within the reach of all iris lovers, the prices at which they will be introduced will be quite moderate. We hope this policy will not cause them to be underestimated. We now offer:

Balboa. (Parisiana X Mesopotamica). A large tall, bright red-violet bicolor. Fine, distinct flowers of good substance are borne on stout stems. Has proved a good grower in New England. Obtained a First Class Certificate from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society when exhibited by Miss Sturtevant. Each, \$5.00.

Carmelo. (Korolkowi X Germanica major). This unusual seedling, half Regelia in parentage, is neither large nor tall, but its growth, slender foliage and stems, and long narrow flowers of an unusual shade of blue put it in a new class, one which we hope to see enlarged. In California it is as vigorous and easy to grow as a pure bearded iris, but it needs further testing for cold climates. Each, \$2.00.

Conquistador. (Juniata X Mesopotamica). A very tall, vigorous plant with fine foliage and very large deep mauve to light violet flowers. Its size and height, about five and a half feet when established in our garden, have made it an outstanding feature for the past two seasons. Each, \$5.00.

Marian Mohr. (Miss Willmott X Carthusian). A beautifully finished flower of very pale, glistening lavender, quite distinct, and certainly desirable for California. As it is a seedling of Miss Willmott we do not undertake to recommend it for cold, wet sections until it is further tested in the east. 3 ft. Each, \$2.00.

Mariposa. Pale porcelain, the falls variably flaked with red purple. Many medium-sized flowers, well poised on fine branched stems. Its very late blooming extends the season. Perfectly hardy anywhere. 3 ft. Each, \$1.00.

Prince Lohengrin. (Juniata X Lohengrin). After thorough trial we are introducing this as an improved Lohengrin. In adjacent planting this season its stems averaged nearly a foot higher. The flowers were not crowded together as in Lohengrin, and were slightly pinker than that variety. Of course it can be grown anywhere. Each, \$2.00.

Standard Varieties and Novelties

The figures following the names of varieties are the ratings given in the recent symposium of the American Iris Society. Some novelties, not yet voted on, have as yet no ratings. In the descriptions the name of the originator is given in brackets.

"S." signifies standards or upright petals; "F." the falls or drooping petals. Approximate height of flower stem is also given.

Afterglow. (Sturtevant). 86—Grayish lavender shading to yellow at center. 3 ft. Each, \$2.00.

Albert Victor. (Barr). 79—Light violet, strong stem, pallida habit. 3½ ft. Each, 35c.

Alcazar. (Vilmorin). 89—S. mauve, f. dark purple. The bronze and yellow at its center add to the beauty of this large, vigorous, well branched variety. 3½ ft. Each, 50c.

Ambassadeur. (Vilmorin). 94—S. smoked bronze, f. dark velvet purple. Fine size and substance. Outstanding in merit. Late. 3 ft. Each, \$4.00.

Ambigu. (Vilmorin). 83—Red purple, S. lighter. A bright flower. 2 ft. Each, \$2.00.

Archeveque. (Vilmorin). 83—S. red violet, f. deeper and velvety. Fine color and inclined in California to bloom in late fall as well as spring. 2 ft. Each, 50c.

Arsace. (Millet). 84—General effect pale pinkish lilac. Tall and vigorous in California. Each, \$3.00.

Asia. (Yeld). 92—S. silvery lavender with yellow base, f. reddish purple. Large massive flower on tall, strong stems. A very fine new variety. 4 ft. Each, \$10.00.

Athene. (Sturtevant). A warm, white self. 2½ ft. Each, \$2.00.

Avalon. (Sturtevant). 91—Light mauve, Unequalled for its fine size, shape, substance and color. Vigorous in California. 3½ ft. Each, \$20.00.

B. Y. Morrison. (Sturtevant). 88—S. pale lavender violet, f. velvety raisin purple with broad lavender border. Not large but beautiful, and absolutely distinct. 2½ ft. Each, \$3.00.

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- Ballerine.** (Vilmorin). 94—Light blue violet, with falls deeper than standards. The fine shape, substance, and size of the flowers borne on tall stems put it at the head of its class. Vigorous. 4 ft. Each \$4.00.
- Baronet.** (Sturtevant). 80—S. chicory blue, f. darker blue. 3½ ft. Each, \$2.00.
- Bashi bazouk.** (Sturtevant). 73—S. light lavender violet, f. darker violet; a large loose flower. 3½ ft. Each \$5.00.
- Benbow.** (Bliss). 83—Dark bluish violet. 3 ft. Each, \$2.00.
- Black Prince.** (Perry). 77—S. lavender violet, f. dark velvety violet. A fine late flower, but generally a poor grower. Prefers leaf mould, with more water and shade than most bearded irises. 2 ft. Each, \$1.25.
- Blue Jay.** (Farr). 71—An unusual shade of blue. Late, and distinct in color. Each, 35c.
- Camelot.** (Bliss). 81—A warm white edged pale violet. A tall plicata, superior to Mme. Chereau. 3½ ft. Each, \$2.00.
- Caterina.** (Foster). 89—A tall, branched light violet self. Fine and very vigorous in California, though a poor grower in some eastern gardens. 4 ft. Each, 50c.
- Cherubin.** (Vilmorin). 68—Pale lilac pink, falls veined darker. Inclined to bleach out in bright sunshine. 2½ ft. Each, 35c.
- Clement Desormes.** (Denis). A Ricardi X Her Majesty cross. of deep red pink coloring. Large bright flowers. Unlike others. 2½ ft. Each, \$5.00.
- Cluny.** (Vilmorin). 86—A fine vigorous pallida of lilac blue. 3½ ft. Each, \$2.00.
- Col. Candelot.** (Millet). 80—S. brownish drab, f. velvety brick red. Medium sized flower of unusual red tone. 2½ ft. Each, \$2.50.
- Crusader.** (Foster). 87—The clearest blue violet we have, and in a fine, large flower. Not generally a good grower in the east, but quite easy in California. 3½ ft. Each, \$2.50.
- Dejazet.** (Vilmorin). 83—Beautiful bronzed rose, the falls darker than the standards. Large flower on a rather short stem. 1½ ft. Each, \$2.50.
- Delagrangé.** (Millet). 71—A small but very early squalens, not unlike Ambassadeur in coloring. 2½ ft. Each, 50c.

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- Delicatissima.** (Millet). 82—A fine smooth flower of pale lilac. Late. 3 ft. Each, \$1.50.
- Deuil de Valery Mayet.** (Denis). S. coppery rose, f. deep bronzy red. Not large, but of unusual coloring. 2 ft. Each, \$5.00.
- Dream.** (Sturtevant). 85—Not unlike Delicatissima, but nearer pink in color and more crinkled in texture. 3 ft. Each, \$2.50.
- E. L. Crandall.** (Farr). 76—A good white plicata, the falls heavily edged blue. 2 ft. Each, 50c.
- Edouard Michel.** (Verdier). 86—A large ruffled flower of red purple, the tallest and best in its color class. Grows vigorously in California, though sometimes reported as weak in colder climates. 3 ft. Each, \$1.00.
- Eldorado.** (Vilmorin). 78—A very distinct and striking blend of bronze, heliotrope, and violet purple. Very floriferous. 2½ ft. Each, 50c.
- Fairy.** (Kennicott). 80—A tall white plicata with touches of blue toward the center. A dainty flower. 2½ ft. Each, 35c.
- Fro.** (Goos and Koenemann). 75—S. mustard yellow, f. oxblood red. The best variegata for general use in California. Vigorous and floriferous. 2 ft. Each, 50c.
- Gajus.** (Goos and Koenemann). 67—S. light yellow, f. crimson reticulated white. Much like Gracchus but better. 18 in. Each, 35c.
- Hiawatha.** (Farr). 74—S. pale rosy lavender, f. purple. Late. 2 ft. Each, 75c.
- Iris King.** (Goos and Koenemann). 79—S. golden yellow, f. garnet, edged yellow. Larger but less thrifty than Fro. 2 ft. Each, 50c.
- Isoline.** (Vilmorin). 86—S. silvery lilac flushed yellow, f. purplish old rose. Large, striking flower of unusual coloring. Sometimes a shy bloomer. 3 ft. Each, 50c.
- J. B. Dumas.** (Denis). S. lilac pink, f. deeper pink with creamy yellow center. 3 ft. Each, \$5.00.
- Jeanne d'Arc.** (Verdier). 78—A dainty and long blooming white plicata with light lavender frilled edges. 2½ ft. Each, 50c.
- Juniata.** (Farr). 81—A fine tall violet pallida, deeper than Albert Victor. Vigorous and graceful in growth. 3½ ft. Each, 35c.

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- Kashmir White.** (Foster). 84—The best tall pure white for California and other warm sections. Fine, heavy substance. Not as large as Miss Willmott, but later, and purer white. 3 ft. Each, \$2.00.
- Lady Foster.** (Foster). 85—Very large, broad petalled, light lavender violet flower of noble mien, well placed on branched but often flexuous stems. Like Caterina, it is best adapted to such warm, dry climates as California. 3½ ft. Each, \$2.00.
- Lent A. Williamson.** (Williamson). 96—S. lavender violet, f. velvety pansy violet. Large, richly colored flowers on a fine, stout branched stem. 3½ ft. Each, \$2.50.
- Leverrier.** (Denis). 90—S. Chinese violet, f. pansy violet, long and drooping. A lovely bicolor, very large and of bright, unusual color. 4 ft. Each, \$7.00.
- Lohengrin.** (Goos and Koenemann). 82—S. light mauve, f. Chinese violet. Fine flowers, but rather close on the stem. 2½ ft. Each, 35c.
- Lord of June.** (Yeld). 91—S. light chicory blue, floppy, f. lavender violet. Large flower of pure color on rather low branched stalk. 2½ ft. Each, \$2.50.
- Loreley.** (Goos and Koenemann). 79—S. lemon yellow, f. blue purple margined cream. Very floriferous. 2 ft. Each, 35c.
- M. Austin.** (Denis). Bright wine red tinged yellow. 2 ft. Each, \$1.00.
- Ma Mie.** (Cayeux). 84—S. white, pencilled light violet, f. same colors, flaring. A nice floriferous plicata. 2½ ft. Each, 50c.
- Madame Blanche Pion.** (Cayeux). 68—S. light bronzy yellow, f. pale red purple. 2 ft. Each, 35c.
- Madame de Sevigne.** (Denis). 78—White edged violet purple. A fine plicata on the style of Parisiana. 2 ft. Each, \$1.00.
- Madame Durrand.** (Denis). 86—S. tawny buff, flushed mauve, f. Amparo purple, tinted and margined buff. A wonderful Ricardi hybrid; large flowers on very tall branched stems. The most admired iris in our garden last season. 4 ft. Each, \$5.00.
- Magnifica.** (Vilmorin). 91—Huge flowers, s. light violet blue, f. red violet. A grand novelty, with us a vigorous grower. Early. 3½ ft. Each, \$4.00.

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Mandalay. (Sturtevant). 71—Not unlike Caterina, a pale violet self of tall, erect growth 3½ ft. Each, \$2.00.

Mandaliscae. 73—Dark lavender purple, an early and profuse bloomer. 3 ft. Each, 35c.

Margaret Moor. (Bliss). 71—Pale reddish lilac, similar to Mrs. Alan Gray but taller and a better grower. 2½ ft. Each, \$1.00.

Mary Garden. (Farr). 78—A plicata of peculiar coloring, the white ground heavily sanded with light purple drab. 2 ft. Each, 50c.

Mauvine. (Dean). 76—A tall mauve self. Free flowering and attractive. 3 ft. Each, 50c.

Medrano. (Vilmorin). 85—Remarkable shade of bronzy claret. Fine flower on rather dwarf stems. 2 ft. Each, \$2.50.

Mesopotamica (species). 81—A very large flower of lavender violet on tall flexuous stems. Early. Rather coarse with us, but fine for breeding. 4 ft. Each, \$1.00.

Minnehaha. (Farr). 78—Large cream colored flower with heavy lines of dark red on the falls. Late. Slow to increase. 2 ft. Each, \$1.00.

Miss Willmott. (Foster). 76—A fine tall white, sometimes flushed with lavender. Large and of good substance. Earlier than Kashmir White and less free in flowering. 3 ft. Each, 50c.

Mrs. Alan Gray. (Foster). 76—A neat little lilac flower. Dwarf. 20 in. Each, 35c.

Mithras. (Goos and Koenemann) 75—S. yellow, f. violet carmine with narrow yellow edge. 2 ft. Each, 35c.

Moliere. (Vilmorin). 85—A large violet purple flower, the falls dark and velvety. Center yellow. 2 ft. Each, \$2.50.

Monsignor. (Vilmorin). 84—S. pale unveined violet, f. overlaid with velvety purple, deepening to the center. Makes a rich and floriferous clump. 2 ft. Each, 50c.

Navajo. (Farr). 74—S. bronzy yellow, f. deep maroon, veined white. 20 in. Each, \$1.00.

Nibelungen. (Goos and Koenemann). 73—S. fawn, f. violet purple with fawn margin. 2½ ft. Each, 35c.

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- Nuee d'orage**, syn. Storm Cloud. (Verdier). 76—Slate blue shaded bronze. Large and vigorous. 2½ ft. Each, 50c.
- Opera**. (Vilmorin). 87—Beautiful rich red violet with warm yellow center. Much admired. 2 ft. Each \$2.50.
- Oriflamme**. (Vilmorin). 78—A very large loose flower on style of Lord of June, but less pure in color. S. bright lavender violet, f. purple. 2½ ft. Each, 50c.
- Pallida dalmatica** (species). 88—Name uncertain. A good pale lavender, taller and more vigorous than Princess Beatrice. Fine for garden effect. 3½ ft. Each, 35c.
- Parc de Neuilly**. (Vilmorin). 81—A well shaped flower of pleroma violet, fine and distinct in color and of real garden value. 2½ ft. Each, 50c.
- Parisiana**. (Vilmorin). 79—S. white dotted, shaded and edged lilac purple, f. white slightly margined lilac purple. A large flower of unusual coloring. 2½ ft. Each, 50c.
- Perfection**. (Barr.) 78—S. light lavender, f. velvety violet. A rich dark flower. Very floriferous, and fine in the garden. 2 ft. Each 50c.
- Pocohontas**. (Farr). 77—White, frilled light red purple. 2 ft. Each 50c.
- Pont a Mousson**. (Millet). A Ricardi hybrid of slate color, rather like Sindjkha in tone. 3 ft. Each, \$4.00.
- Princess Beatrice**. (Barr). 95—A fine broad flower of light lustrous lavender, with flaring falls. Unsurpassed in its color. Often listed as *Pallida dalmatica*. 3 ft. Each, 35c.
- Princess Victoria Luise**. (Goos and Koenemann). 72—S. primrose yellow, f. reddish purple edged primrose. 2 ft. Each, 35c.
- Prosper Laugier**. (Verdier). 83—S. light bronze with a pink flush, f. velvety crimson. Warm yellow center. Larger and more floriferous than *Jacquesiana*. 2½ ft. Each, 50c.
- Quaker Lady**. (Farr). 84—Ageratum violet overlaid with yellow. A beautiful blend, not large, but very effective. 2½ ft. Each, 50c.
- Queen Alexandra**. (Barr). 75—A blend of lilac and fawn with a suggestion of bronze. Makes a nice dwarf clump. 2 ft. Each, 50c.

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- Queen Caterina.** (Sturtevant). 90—A large pale lavender violet flower with iridescent surface. Its fine form and substance also contribute to its popularity. 3 ft. Each, \$4.00.
- Raffet.** (Vilmorin). 81—The general effect is of dark blue. Nothing just like it in color. 2 ft. Each, \$2.50.
- Rhein Nixe.** (Goos and Koenemann). 84—S. white, f. pansy violet bordered white. 2½ ft. Each, 35c.
- Ricardi fonce.** (Denis). 78—Light violet. A large flower, with tall branched stems. Very vigorous in California. 3½ ft. Each, \$1.00.
- Romeo.** (Millet). 80—S. citron yellow, f. center lilac, edges violet. Unusual in coloring. 2½ ft. Each, \$1.00.
- Saul.** (Denis). S. golden yellow, f. maroon. A larger spreading flower on the style of Iris King. Late. 2 ft. Each, \$5.00.
- Shekinah.** (Sturtevant). 88—Pale lemon yellow, deeper towards the center. Of pallida form and growth. Still in a class by itself. 2½ ft. Each, \$4.00.
- Sherbet.** (Sturtevant). 81—S. ecru drab with a purple flush, f. purple, lighter on edges. A tall vigorous plant of Caterina growth. Thoroughly recommended. 4 ft. Each, \$2.00.
- Sindjkha.** (Sturtevant). 83—Unusual deep dull lavender of fine size and remarkable substance. Excellent habit. 4 ft. Each, \$4.00.
- Souvenir de Madame Gaudichau.** (Millet). 93—Pure deep violet, large and brilliant. Outstanding either as an individual flower or in a garden clump. 3 ft. Each, \$5.00.
- Suzanne Autissier.** (Denis). A large Ricardi hybrid, a bicolor of blue and violet purple, on tall stout stems. Very vigorous in California. Each, \$5.00.
- Sybil.** 64—S. pinkish lavender, f. deep rosy pink. Small but attractive. 2 ft. Each, 35c.
- Tineae.** 75—Lilac blue pallida, excellent in the garden from its height and long period of bloom. 3 ft. Each, 35c.
- Tranon.** (Vilmorin). S. pinkish buff, f. yellow washed blue. A beautiful blend of fresh coloring, but not a large flower. 1½ ft. Each, \$4.00.

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Trosuperba. (Trojana superba.) 78—S. lavender violet. large and broad. f. purple, drooping. 3 ft. Each, 35c.

Tunisie. (Millet). S. smoky heliotrope, f. velvety blue purple. Rather sombre but yet attractive. 2½ ft. Each, \$1.50.

Turco. (Vilmorin). A blend of rosy lilac, yellow, and blue. A pleasing flower of medium size. 2 ft. Each, \$4.00.

Virginia Moore. (Shull). 81—The brightest yellow self of any size or vigor under our California conditions. Falls only very slightly veined. 2½ ft. Each, \$2.00.

Windham. (Farr). 73—S. soft lavender pink, f. same but veined darker. 1½ ft. Each, 50c.

Wyomissing. (Farr). 72—S. pale creamy pink, f. deeper pink, fading lighter on the edges. 1½ ft. Each, 35c.

We also grow many other varieties, chiefly novelties, but in quantities still too small to list. We have the following and many others. Inquire for prices.

Anna Farr, Arabesque, Arnols, Autocrat, Azure, Candelabre, Cora, Demideuil, Dora Longdon, Fantasy, Goldcrest, Goliath, Grevin, Lady Lou, Mady Carriere, Mandarin, Marcel Tinayre, Marechal, Mid West, Naushon, Roseway, Saraband, Taffeta, Toreador, Wild Rose.

Collections

Where the selection is left wholly to us, it is possible to supply a good range of distinct and fine varieties at a considerably lower total price than where the purchaser makes the choice. Thus, one dozen kinds, each properly labelled and having a total list price of at least \$5.00 will be supplied for \$3.50, or twenty-five different kinds for \$6.00. For the beginner or for gifts to gardening friends this is the best way to order, as we never make such collections from discards, but use our knowledge to see that the purchaser gets a wide range of color in good, vigorous varieties.

Unnamed Seedlings

We are growing in our garden many seedlings from which a very few have been selected and will later be introduced. The balance, after we have discarded the distinctly inferior ones, are offered to landscape gardeners and to others who wish to make large plantings at a low cost. For this purely garden effect they are wonderful value. Their price is \$10.00 per hundred. No order will be filled for less than 250.

We do not offer in this catalogue the special seedlings sold in bloom in our garden.

Other Species

While we hope in the future to offer other species than the bearded irises, the only one we can now supply is *Monnieri*, a bright yellow of the same form, habit, size, and height as the tall yellow-blotched white *Ochroleuca gigantea* or *orientalis* frequently seen in California gardens. Price, 50c. Delivery in fall, which is the only proper time to move this species in California.

Culture of Bearded Irises in California

As soon as rhizomes are received they should be planted. A few days out of the ground does not hurt them, but make this no longer than necessary. While they may be moved at almost any time, we advise against planting between January 1 and the flowering season. Where they can be given an occasional watering, June is a very good time, but they will do well if planted any time from then to Thanksgiving.

Do not bury the rhizomes too deep; just enough to cover their tops. Be sure to plant firmly. Water well after planting, and then about every two weeks until well established and growing. Do not overdo the watering at this time for fear of rot. Bearded irises are not aquatic plants, but really very drought-resistant. Well established clumps may be left all summer without watering if necessary, though much better results in flowers and increase follow an occasional good soaking through the summer. We always water them through a dry spring and at flowering time.

Bearded irises are sun-lovers. They will produce no flowers if planted in deep shade, but sun half the day will satisfy them. Their resistance to drought fits them for covering dry, sunny slopes. Keep them free of weeds and do not allow other plants to crowd them or cover the rhizomes. In a new planting while they are still some distance apart a sowing of annual *Linarias* or annual *Larkspurs* made in late autumn will be good fillers.

Soil is not a matter of importance to them, though they have some preference for the heavier kinds of soil containing lime. In new gardens no fertilizer is necessary, but where the soil is worn out rotted manure dug in below the rhizomes but not in contact with them

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is good. A mixture of bone flour and bone meal dug into the soil or hoed into it between the plants is the easiest way to supply more food.

Plant about a foot apart and transplant when crowded. Do not move them every year, as they are best when established. Rules for dividing cannot be given, as varieties differ in vigor. Most kinds can remain three years without division.

Make a plan of your planting. Labels are apt to get lost.

Note that these directions are for the bearded irises only. Other species such as the Japanese, Siberian, Spanish, and *Oncocylus* irises require quite different treatment. We shall gladly answer all questions regarding culture.



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We shall gladly explain advantages
of membership.

